

STARS for KIDS NOW CHILD CARE QUALITY RATING SYSTEM STANDARDS
CERTIFIED FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES

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| | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 | Level 4 |
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| Ratios | 1. Current Certification Standards 2. Post rules regarding allowable capacity restrictions according to ages of children in care | 1. Current Certification Standards 2. Post rules regarding allowable capacity restrictions according to ages of children in care | 1. If caring for 6 or fewer children, no more than 3 infants unless an assistant is present. If caring for more than 6 children, no more than 3 under the age of 24 months unless an assistant is present. <i>(Includes own and related children.)</i> | 1. Level 3 restrictions, and maximum capacity of 9 . <i>(May care for up to 3 own or related children in addition to 6 unrelated children.)</i> |
| Curriculum | 3. Current certification standards 4. Complete STARS for KIDS NOW Overview 5. Plan of program activities posted 6. Daily schedule posted 7. At least one family involvement activity annually 8. Agree to complete a curriculum assessment using family child care ERS within 12 months <i>(No minimum score)</i> 9. Second year: written improvement plan based on assessment findings in place | Level 1 requirements plus : 3. An additional family involvement activity annually (minimum of 2) 4. A written family involvement plan 5. Completed family child care ERS with an average program score of 3 6. Develop annual written ERS improvement plan with assistance, if requested, from Cabinet or its designee 7. Maintain minimum average ERS score of 4 beyond 4 th year 8. Reads to children daily | Level 2 requirements plus : 2. An additional family involvement activity annually <i>(minimum of 3)</i> 3. An average program score of 4.5 on family child care ERS 4. Must score at least 5 on family child care ERS items related to use of TV. Provider limits use of TV to programs and video games regarded as good for children <i>(no more than 2 hrs/day)</i> . Activities are provided as an alternative while TV is on. | Level 3 requirements plus : 2. An additional family involvement activity annually <i>(minimum of 4)</i> 3. An average program score of 5.5 on family child care ERS 4. Accreditation by state approved national accrediting organization <hr/> To qualify for Enhancement Award: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An average program score above 5.5 on family child care ERS |
| Training | 10. Current certification standards 11. Provider creates and implements a written training plan 12. Introduction to KY Early Childhood Scholarship program <i>(part of STARS Overview)</i> | Level 1 requirements plus : 9. At least 1 staff on duty has current CPR/First Aid training 10. 9 clock hours annually of early care and education training approved by the cabinet or its designee | Level 2 requirements plus : 5. Basic Orientation training for assistants 6. 6 annual training hours for assistants 7. Provider has a total of 18 clock hours of training annually or has entry level credential or higher and completes 9 clock hours of training annually 8. By 4 th year in STARS, provider must have CDA or higher. | Level 3 requirements plus : 5. Provider has received Director's Credential <u>and</u> CDA, AA or higher in Early Childhood or a related degree |
| Business Practices | 13. Written program policies including: fees, holidays, vacation, late fees, illness, hours of operation, who may pick up a child, and a plan for how information is shared daily with parents 14. Written parent/provider agreement | Level 1 requirements plus : 11. Maintain a financial program/record-keeping system | Level 2 requirements plus : 9. Provide families with written daily report for children age 2 and under 10. Parents provided with handbook that contains program's policies | Level 3 requirements plus : 6. Be a member of an early childhood professional organization |
| Regulatory Compliance | Current certification in good standing | Current certification in good standing | Current certification in good standing | Current certification in good standing |